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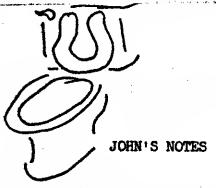
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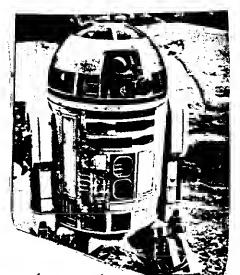
IT WAS A TIME OF CIVIL WAR. THE REBELS HAD WON THEIR FIRST VICTORY—Oops. No, I guess instead its time for another BRUTUS BULLETIN, here and now instead of long ago and far away and all that. Too bad....

First off, I'm very pleased to announce that, at long last, come contributions are starting to rall in. Much of this issue was from items sent in by aesorted folks out there, a good sign, but not one I'll count on. Thue there are many of the regular' features too. Once again I have an article copied in this one, somewhat in the vein of the earlier one in BB6 with Herman Goering's picture--that's one of the prime reasone I ran that one, the format. If you're going to show the absurdity of something like race quotes, what a way to do it big old smiling Herman looking down over a caption of "Herman Goering was the Maxi's arbiter of race... Thie issue's article isn't as 'colorful'--no pun intended-- in format, but is included because I felt it hit some important nails on the head. My only regret is that these are what I call 'heavy' iteme, as opposed to the 'lighter' once of cartoons/nonsense items which are less, shall we say, dogmatic in their presentation. On the other hard. only liberale would really feel upset by theee, and any time I can upset them, fine. Only if they were pleased would I have cause for worry.

BRUTUS 3 is now under way. All interested non-playing subbers except one joined in; 3 current players who volunteered had to be left out due to the 10 volunteere for 7 positions, so just about everybody should be happy. The losers lost out by chance, not eelection, ae ie shown by Rick Kassel getting in on this third game, e.g. Maybe he figures he'll do well sooner or later?? Seriously, we should be all set now, until KN+/or KS winds down. Eric Kirchner asked why I couldn't run it in here; OK, I'll go over it again. Thie publisher takes come pride in mailing adjudications/ iesues as fast as possible. As a non-player to date, you're not aware that I send game-page copies to all players concerned the evening of the deadline itself or the next morning. (I don't promise that, but do my darndest to get it done). A second factor is that I appreciate press, good, bad, or indifferent, and feel it is my duty as a CM to get it in the issue if my player(s) took the time & effort to send it in. The effect of these two factors is thie: not until the late afternoon of the deadline day can I be sure what will be on the adjudications page(s) or the prese page(s). If all works well, as with issue 7, I have 3 pages typed and ready on the deadline day, with the reverse side pre-run. At 4:25, my wifecalls me from home and reade the mail to me. If there are no last-minute changee, or just a small one, I fix my masters, run the pages, and make player duplicates that I mail on the way home that night. Now, what would happen if I went to a third or fourth game in here? What are the chances of major order changes (such ae hit me just before issus 6) coming in at the last minute? How many pages would have to be run at the last minute? ANY delay in ANY game or a machine malfunction or anything else, darn near, would slaw down everything and everybody. THAT in turn kills the purpose of BB, fast games. So, since two are all I can speedily handle, two is all I'll carry in the issue proper.

On to the games.

77KW



(Trans.:)
"Fontana air never bothered me very much"

ITALY: (KELLY)

"HELP ME, O.B.WAN KENCBE...I AM REDUCED TO BUT TWO FLEETS IN THE NORTHERN SEAS"

"THANKS FOR THE JEDDI KNIGHT, BUT COULD YOU SPARE A DIVISION OF CUBAN TROOPS TOO?"

NEW PAPIST FLEETS SWEEP CENTRAL MEDITTERANEAN.
KAISER FINALLY GAINS NORTH SEA AS HOME FLEET
FORCED INTO PORT. ATLANTIC RISES UNDER WEIGHT
OF FLEETS.

SPRING, 1904

F Apu-ADR; F ION S F Apu-Adr; A ROM-Ven; A Ven-PIE; A GRE S TURK A Bul-Se

AUSTRIA: (KASSEL) A ALB-Gre; A SER S A Alb-Gre; F Adr-Ion/annihilated; A TRI-Ven

ENGLAND: (SCOTT) F Nwg-CLY; F Nth-Eng/d/r Edi, Lon, OTB

FRANCE: (DITTER) A Lon-YOR; F ENG-Nth; F Bre-MAO; F Nat-LVP; A BEL-Ruh; A Par-PIC;

A BUR S A Bel-Ruh

GERMANY: (WORKMAN) A Tyo-MUN; A RUH-Bel; A HOLL S A Ruh-Bel; F Hel-NTH; F DEN S F Hel-Nth

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RUSSIA: (McELVANEY) F ARM S A Sev; A SEV S F Arm; A UKR S A Rum; A RUM S AUST A Ser; F Bar-Nwg; F Nwy S F Bar-Nwg; F Swe-SKA

TURKET: (HUESTON) A BUL-Ser; F AEG S ITALIAN A Gre; F BLA S F Ank-Arm; F ANK-Arm

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DEADLINE for FALL will be my mail received here MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1978. PRESS is on the reverse. We're doing quite well in the press dept.; I, at least, really enjoy seeing it come in. Of course, I can see the datelines and the envelopes, which is often as funny as the press itself...

NEED A GAME? Bob Sergeant has just announced openings in his ST GEORGE & THE DRAGON. Unfortunately, it is only monthly, but it is an interesting, well-printed, and very reliable publication. I can and do give it my personal endorsement. Gamefee is \$1 plus sub, 10/\$2. Write Bob at 3242 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

Spring 1282

Merciful Allah, from whom all things come, may you bless our new enterprise with success. Once again we are embarking upon the conquest of Serbia. Please Allah see that the General Staff doesn't foul up this expedition as it did the last one.

It has cost much but my harem has once again risen in Europe. The stench from the Russian Stables was so bad that they had to be abandoned completely. Even our horses couldn't stand the stench.

The forthcoming invasion of Serbia is one of dire necessity as no one can stand living here in Bulgaria any longer. We could stay, but one one can bring himself to drown the horde of mangy pups now infesting the countryside.

PARIS TO ROME: \underline{I} would vote to outlaw black press.

PARIS TO MOSCOW: Now.

PARIS TO BERLIN: Later.

BERLIN (IIP) — The following statement was issued today over the signature of Kaiser Peter Angst I:

The government laments the passing of the era of honest diplomacy. Since 1900 the nations of England and France have accepted the goodwill of the German people while hiding murderous thoughts toward those good Burgers.

England with thoughtless abandon halted the successful declared war against France in 1902. Without cause she turned coat and attented to injure and reduce the German forces. France, on the other hand, several times during 1903 requested and was granted an early peace with Germany; in repayment for kind treatment the French navy and army destroyed without warning the German garrison in Belgium and moved under the white flag against the city of Munich.

These acts of the two infamous nations are deserving of world-wide condemnation. It is depressing indeed when liars and opportunists threaten to overwhelm the powers who believe in honesty. The evil methods of England and France must not be allowed to succeed.

For diplomacy to flourish it is essential that in the majority of times the majority of countries will keep their word. Those individuals who could not utter a word of truth to save their souls must be eliminated for the safety of mankind.



777KS

BALKAN POWERS PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS AS ITALY TURNS ABOUT. MARSHALL FOCH PAYS UNEXPECTED VISIT TO KING ARTHUR'S HOME.

SPRING, 1903

"Can you believe these orders?"

AUSTRIA (PRICE): F Gre-ALB; F ADR S F Gre--Alb; A Tyr-TRI; A Rum-Bul; A SER S A Rum-Bul

ENGLAND (HUNT): A Edi-LVP; A SWE-Den; F Nwy-SKA; F NTH-Hel; F ENG-Mid

FRANCE (GRABAR): A Bre-WAL; F MAO & F IRI C A Bre-Wal; A Par-Bur; A MAR S A Par-Bur

GERMANY (REGES): F Kie-BAL; F HEL-Nth; F DEN S F Hel-Nth; A Mun-TYO; A HOL S A Bel;

A BEL S ENGLISH to Hell

ITALY (SHAFFER): A Alb-Gre/d/ retreats to BUD; A Ven-PIE; A Rom-VEN; F Tun-WES

RUSSIA (KASSEL): A MOS-Sev; A StP-LVN; F GoB- FIN

TURKEY (KENDTER, Jr): F Sev-Rum; A UKR S F Sev-Rum; A ARM-Sev; A BUL S F Aeg-Gre/d/r Con, OTB; F AEG-Gre

Italy sent in conditional retreats, which appear above. This is final. Fall moves may be made conditional on the Turkish retreat.

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- LONDON "Armchair Analysts" have been publishing a plethora of books purporting to explain why the French leader is a madman and/or an imbecile. It has been known for some time that something was awry in Grabar's gourd—from the belligerent and threatening stance taken against England in the very first letter before Spring 1901. Other evidence of insanity: "It doesn't scare me if Germany builds three in 1901". Theories range from poor potty training to repressed libidinal energies. Some evidence of neurological damage to the sense of sight is also apparent. Grabar apparently cannot distinguish the throat from the big toe.
- FROM THE EVER CONTINUING SAGA OF ADMIRAL PETER AST AND HIS SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS IN THE GUISE OF A CRUEL ARYAN MASTER Much has happened to our Hero since his life's purpose hit him with a resounding clap(Just like that time in the alley in Dublin!) He is now in Holland. It is a pleasant place; too many dikes, though. Peter has found employment as a chambermaid at The Cask and Bung. No degredation is too great to stay by his heart's throb, and with a few hours tailoring, he made his outfit tolerable. At this very moment Peter is in the room of Regent Reges clearing away the remains of that night's dirner—mince meat pie. (Unbeknownst to Reges and the management, Peter has been serving his own homemade meals, rather than the usual hotel fare). "His hands held this spoon, this knife...His lips touched this cigar butt... "Peter's reverie is interrupted by a sound in the hallway. A fleeting impulse sends Peter to the closet rather than out the door. He shivers as he recognizes the first man's voice. "That's Craigy". The second man speaks. He has a thick French accent. Peter's heart sinks like a rock when he hears the next words... "I leave my rear exposed..."
- PARIS I am very sorry about the stab of England. I weighed my possibilities and found that I would benefit the most with Germany. Of course, Germany has shown its colors once, so, I find it necessary strictly to attain a defensive position against Germany. Alliances are nice as long as everyone can be trusted.
- TURKEY We offer peace to Russia and Italy so that we can get the lying Austrians.
- ANKARA: Austria worries about dying, yet Austria attacks its ally(?) of Turkey! Why?
- / ?????- STAB is in Austria and ?
- Ankara Public Herald: Glorious Italian ally leaves oil slick in the Ionian.
- Berlin: Recently it has been observed that a small organization of deluded beings has been issuing a small press service from within the Reich. The government has announced that it will HUNT the culprits down and deliver the appropriate punishment. This seems to be happening in France also.
- SWEDEN A small, determined band of guerillas continue to fight on and await liberation. It is possible that this small country will be liberated as early as this fall! Maneuvers to this effect started this spring as soon as the Baltic ice cover lifted.
- BRUSSELS: Admiral Ast is respectfully requested to keep his Ast off Belgium soil or he will find his ast booted back to that filthhole called England.
- KIEL: Perhaps English diplomats meant well but the die is cast, the chips will fall where they may.
- ✓ MUNICH: Wir sprechen nicht "French"!
- TYROLIA: Eagles fall hard and die with only the greatest of difficulty.

Bureaucratic Blunders

The CETA (Comprehensive Training and Employment Act) program in San Diego, Calif., has spent \$25,706 for a "dog license survey," \$34,900 for "metering the flows" in San Diego's sewers, and \$29,996 for hand-picking bottles and aluminum cans out of garbage heaps, which machinery could have done faster and cheaper.

Thomas S. Tanana



New York City has 100,000 more children receiving welfare than it has children, according to a study sponsored by the Foundation for Child Development.

Ann Kitzmiller

Last year the federal government distributed an estimated \$1.7 million in supplementary security income to over 900 New York City residents who had been dead for months.

M. H. Beuchat

The District of Columbia has a law that bars discrimination based on "race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, physical handicap, matriculation, political affiliation, source of income, or place of residence or business."

Among other things, the law bars discrimination against children. So, when an applicant for a liquor license told the D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board he would not allow—repeat, not allow—young sters to watch naked go-go dancers in his nightspot, the board tumed down his application. One can't be too careful about legal rights.

An Omaha, Neb., high school senior has been told by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that he must quit

his \$9-a-week paper route or face deportation.

INS examiner Jim Woods told 20year-old Nicaraguan immigrant Fred Blanford he has the same status in this country as a foreign college student here: He can take a job only if forced to by unforeseen economic necessity.

"There are undoubtedly many high school boys in the area who may want that newspaper job," Woods said, but Dick Schaffhausen, a circulation man for *The Des Moines Register*, said he doesn't know how he could replace Blanford. He said he was "desperate" last December to find a carrier for the route.

Sworn in as the new \$48,000-a-year director general of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, Edouard Saouma of Lebanon promptly ordered a remodeling of his 44-by-22-foot office in Rome. Saouma now occupies what FAO employees call "the throne room." He sits at a raised, architect-designed walnut desk. He is lit by recessed lighting fixtures and is surrounded by suede-covered walls and pastel carpeting. The cost, of which the U.S. share was roughly 25 percent: \$26,347.

A report by the National Cancer Institute last summer declared that the solvent tricloraethylene, a chemical used in decaffeinated coffee, may be a possible cause of cancer. This caused one major producer to revamp its production process. It seems, however, that the government used a rather generous dose on the test animals—the equivalent of a human being's drinking 50 million cups of decaf-

feinated coffee every day for his entire lifetime.

Ann Kitzmiller

Conrail recently removed a railroad spur along an idle Borg Warner factory in Muncie, Ind., leading, of course, to a decline in the value of the plant. Neither city nor Borg Warner officials were given prior warning of Conrail's action.

The same day that the tracks were removed, Muncie was awarded a \$5 million Economic Development Agency grant by the U.S. government for industrial expansion, some of it occurring at the old Borg Warner facility.

M. Stout

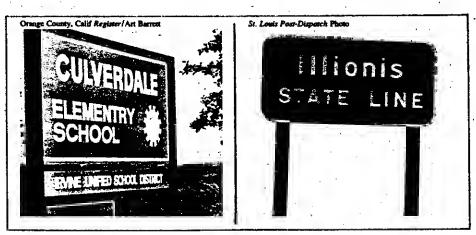
When University of Missouri president James C. Olson entered an elevator with a student in a wheelchair recently, the student looked around in vain for the control buttons and finally asked the president where they were. Olson replied that HEW had ordered the university to place the button panel on the back wall of new elevators for the convenience of people in wheelchairs.

The incredulous student informed the president that nobody in a wheelchair ever enters an elevator front first. They back in.

Unfortunately, nobody in Washington ever thought to ask a handicapped person about that.

J. Watts Scott

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has dropped its plans to regulate the design of shopping carts, but still intends to ask cart manufacturers to attach signs warning about the hazards of grocery carts.



Local governments have spelling problems.

The New Racism

Kevin P. Phillips

Bakke case is only tip of the iceberg

In the national debate over the Allan Bakke "reverse discrimination" case, the overriding issue at stake seems to be eluding us.

Everyone seems to realize that much more is involved than a simple legal verdict on racial quotas or racial affirmative action programs. Ford Foundation President McGeorge Bundy, in a recent article for the *Atlantic*, argues the larger issue before the Supreme Court is very clear. Who gets ahead in America?

This is one larger issue, to be sure. Liberals see future national opportunity for blacks at stake. Meanwhile, for many whites, the very epithet "reverse discrimination" suggests that their own opportunity is being unfairly restrained.

But let me suggest an even broader overview. In judging the pros and cons of race-consciousness, perhaps the time has come to start weighing the overall impact of minority fetishism on U.S. law, business, crime, urban policy, education, defense and communications.

As Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan has suggested, U.S. law is beginning to smack of Nuremberg. In May, by executive order, the federal government entered the racial definition business—somebody with one South American grandmother is a minority group member, a full Syrian-American is not. The occasion: promulgation of new federal data-collecting standards. In a related vein, several cities have even set up racial inspection and evaluation offices. The potential for abuse—and absurdity—is mind-blowing.

Destroyed Neighborhoods

Or look at urban and educational policy. Pro-minority housing subsidy schemes (notably the infamous federal

Sections 235 and 236) have destroyed whole city neighborhoods. Racial busing has prompted white flight in a number of cities, and minority-oriented educational sociology—downgrading basics, eliminating culturally "unfair" tests, promoting and graduating illiterates—has contributed to growing public school inability to teach reading, writing and arithmetic skills.

Another point. Since the mid-1960s, U.S. law enforcement has also been undercut by minority policy. Because many criminals come from "deprived" backgrounds, increased emphasis has been put on their "rights" rather than those of their victims. Consider the events during July's New York City blackout. As Midge Decter wrote in a September Commentary article entitled "Looting and Liberal Racism," young blacks "went on their spree of looting because they had been given permission to do so."

"They had been given permission to do so by all the papers and magazines, movies and documentaries-all the outlets for the purveying of enlightened liberal attitudes and progressive liberal policy-which had for years and years been proclaiming that race and poverty were sufficient excuses for lawlessness. They had been given permission to do so by all the politicians and government officials who had for years and years through their policies been expressing their belief that there was no other way to 'tame' ghetto youth except through bribery and no other way to move them ahead in life except by special arrangement."

Social Performance Index

Corporations, too, are being undercut. Companies supposed to be manufacturing steel, aircraft or automobiles are being forced to divert their efforts to compensatory sociology. Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps recently announced that her department is developing a "Social Performance Index" to measure corporate social concern and awareness! Among the yardsticks: affirmative action hiring, buying from minority-owned businesses.

Even the military has been affected. First, by the notion that the armed services, too, should be vehicles for minority training and rehabilitation. Secondly, by the last decade's steady welfare state decrease in the percentage of the gross national product allocated for defense preparedness.

Finally, today's minority fetishism is even spreading to communications. Minorities are demanding quotas in news coverage as well as in media employment. And in what may be the ultimate absurdity, black actor Raymond St. Jacques has just criticized Star Wars for his "terrifying realization that black people (or any ethnic minority for that matter) shall not exist in the galactic space empires of the future."

One could easily joke about galactic quotas or an Outer Space Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, but there really isn't very much to joke about. The minority fetishism and ethnic Balkanization of the last decade or so has already cost Americans dearly. Coincidentally, perhaps, the years since 1963-64 have seen the onset of U.S. world decline. As of 1978, it's time to try to turn things around—and the Bakke case is one place to begin.



Black actor Raymond St. Jacques calls Star Wars racist.

Copyright © 1977 by King Peatures Syndicate, Inc., 235 E. 45th St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Letters from Mark Berch are getting to be almost as regular a feature of BB as some of those he mentions below. Well, while I dislike repetition, Mark has a knack of either coming up with some humorous or provoking stuff. Also, some of the things he says below are quite serious, and, under the idea that if one person writes it, ten others think it but don't write it, I really HAVE to answer some of these! The first part deals with his earlier letter printed here some issues back, where the name was deleted in the text: that was Tony Watson, whom Mark really ripped into in the feature article of his latest DIPLOMACY DIGEST, a special double-sized issue on the topic of 'tirades & villifactions' as I recall. (Tony Watson comments follow Mark's and mine here).

Incidently, you should have by now received the DD with my article on Tony Watson. Please feel free to tell your readers of what had beed delated from my first letter in what I assume was #3 (I never got a copy of that page) should you so desire, as that matter is now public knowledge.

As for a third game, I don't much care for the idea of s3cond class games, etc. C & F can get away with it because he has too many games to fit in sometimes, and because he has a huge stable of guest CMs, who don't alreways get everything in to him on time. You have neither. I hope you are not doing this because of space consideration. While your oneervative Digest reprints are all well and nice (not my cup of tea, tho), they should NEVER push aside Dippy material.

Are you getting permission to do your reprintinting from Professional magazines?? I suspect that you are not, and this is a very foolish practice. The political material unless its eyndicated, will not likely be a problem and indeed, they ll probably be pleas3d. But you should ask or they may get huffy. Syndicated material, and especially syndicated art is enother matter entirely, edn you should be must ask permissions, which may not be given. After all, they charge people for the right to distribute the stuff. Don't think that your small size of lack of assets will protect you. If they let it go, they late stablish a precident end may not be able to protect their rights later on. Also, they usually contractually promise to the artist to try to protect the material, by suing if man necessary. If you don't want to take my word for it, check with a Journalism professor of the editor of a college newspapeer.

As for Hartwig urging people to vote in the IDA election, I got my ballot after the deadline. It said either 2 or i2 or conceivably 22 Jan and it strived on the 20th, with Bubthebounk a m postmark of the 17. Fruther evidence of Ben Grossman's contemptuous attitude toward his job is his ious mak declaration on the ballot that he's "impartiel" because "Ihave no further intentions of participation in the IDAINA, not do I particularly posses prejudices between any of the candidates". However on page two of the same zine he says "it is my express wish that all members support Greg Costikyan, and his platform Pretty impartiel, huh?? (Diplomacy Review Vol 6 #5).

Figurally, I appreciate the mentions of my DD in your zine, adn I hope you liked 7/8.

#9 is going to have some big changes, if present plans are adhered to.

((492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304))

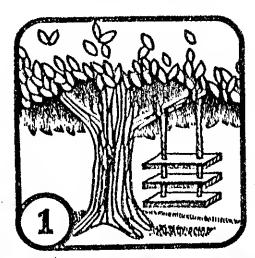
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I opted for the latter. I agree that nothing should cut into the Dip stuff, and it won't.

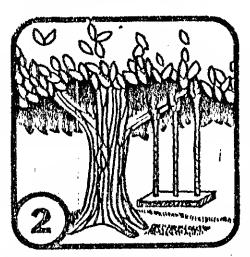
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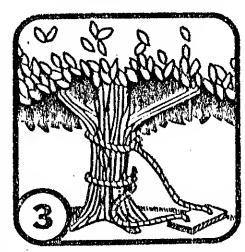
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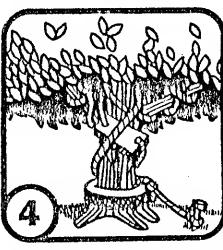
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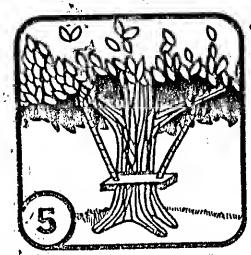
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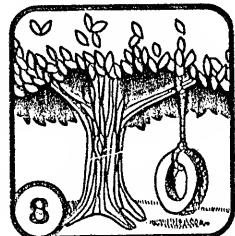
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On the IDA, I would have been surprised to get anything in the way of a ballot before April in any case; as a sign of the etate of the IDA/NA, it is an accomplishment that the election got held at all. I agree with you in their regard. /LATE ADDITION from Mark:

Dear John,

If you decide to print the last part of my last letter I need for you to add a sentence to it. Right after "Pretty impartial, huh? (Diplomacy Review Vol _ #5)"

Please add "While I have no reason to doubt that Ben will do a good job counting the the ballots" those contradictory statements don't speak too well of him"

I realised after rereading the letter that soemone might consture my letter as an attack on his integrity, which it was not.

I made a big mistake in DD& 7/8 in not including some humourous denunciations, and in failing to include some comments by those who think there's too much villification going on. You are right. For 21½ pges it was too unreleaved, and I'l not make that mistake next year.

TONY WATSON (2 cards; I'd meant to run the first last issue, but overlooked it). You're right. Most Diplomacy players don't give a shit about what else ie in the zine other than their particular game. The rest, well, they'll read it later if they get a chance. Guys like us work our butts off trying to put together a decent, readable zine... Gee, let's see, I guess I could start a sentence: "Sleeping with History Majors", "Sleeping with Spanish TA's" Maybe that would perk 'em up? (The research would be interesting at the very least).

DIPLOMACY DIGEST was a surprise, to say the least, and it probably won't do much good to my efforts to increase MURI's subscriber pool. As you might expect, I'm hardly in agreement with Berch's accusations, but I'm hardly inclined to get into a postal argument over it, especially when all this was decided nearly a year ago. As for filling RURI with such crap...sorry, but the day I have to resort to attacking someone through the pages of an amateur Dipzine is the day I hang up my stencils. What could be the point or possible gain? Thanks for writing. ((201 Minnesota St., Las Vegas, NV89107))

((First, let me explain that Tony is referring to some items in letters of mine to him: re 1) the work that goes into his SF features run in RURITANIA, and 2) a suggestion he 'respond' to Mark Berch's attack and use it as a filler feature, killing two birde with one etone, as I recall))

((Players who have bothered to comment on it at all fall into two groups, I've noticed, in regard to effort/filler in a zine: some say outright, 'hell with it, I'm playing a game', and others who like lots of extraneous crud—like me. Most respondents to BRUTUS BULLETIN are the latter type, though not all. This may be deceptive, however, in so far as a) I'm always suggesting reader commentary, so maybe am provoking more than average—it certainly seems I get more for my little zine than some of the biggees get; and b) since I do chug out a lot of completely extraneous filler, maybe those who dislike it never subbed? I can see why there isn't a lot of stuff written in the hobby, of course: it takes a lot of work just to run out a stream-of-conciousness-type BS column like JOHN'S NOTES, et. al.; I would never even try to turn out something like SPACELANES.—John Leeder wrote me a note recently saying his earlier-quoted remark about my writing was in regard to my own works in here, such as JOHN'S NOTES, and the like; it surprised me, for I'd never really considered them 'writing', any more than Alan Rowland does. But, I'll take whatever flattery I can get! Let me know how your Sleep articles come out; they do sound interesting!

((Letter below was useful enough to just reprint in its entirety. It speaks for itself. // Press IS wide open at this point.//Glad you think BB is worth so much more; my Dec price increase won't be triple, but likely will double or so. My philosophy is to pass on what

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likely will double or so. My philosophy is to pass on what savings I can, rather than just gouge to the current rate. SPI, I ain't) Hi John --

I just received <u>Brutus Bulletin</u> #7. Like wow!! You are doing a fantastic job, and <u>BB</u> is going to be quite a bargain!!! When word gets out you will have to expand your sub list before the NY Conspiracy dispatches an assassination squad in your direction. (For an explanation of that you will have to write to Bob Lipton and ask him to start printing my press releases.)

I trust you received my sub money. BB is worth three times the price! I think I forgot to mention on my card that while I am not looking for a new gamestart right away, I would like to be placed on your standby list. It gives the other players a little respite from Ron Kelly. I promise to write a little press for any game(s) I get into. Beyond that, you'll have to bribe me...

I really enjoy reading letters. I hope you see fit to devote a goodly amount of space to them. Very few zines make letters a high priority, and I usually end up playing in the ones who do. I am an avid letter writer, churning out somewhere around 15-20 a week, including 10-12 Diopy letters. Don't be surprised if a cleverly disguised fake shows up in your mailbox in the near future.

I was not an active wargamer when Doug Beyerlein lived in Seattle, so he and I have never met. I consider Dippy to be quite strong up here. There is a wargame group that meets regularly (every two weeks) at the Heritage Bookshop in Renton, and there are usually two boards of Diplomacy at each Saturday night session. I will agree with Mr. Hueston's comments about "high quality play having died down". The hobby hasn't been the same since the teeny-boppers/D&D freaks took over. I hate miniaturists. They are a blight on those of us who enjoy playing fast games, without getting bogged down in a myriad of trivial details and tedious die-rolling. Most miniaturists I have met are studied experts on the battle dress, tactics, et al within the period(s) of their choice, and consequently boring as hell The only exception to this group that I can think of is Jason King (any British/Canadian readers out there), although where he finds his opponents is a mystery to me.

What exactly is your definition of Black Press?? I sense that each GM has his own interpretation, which I always ignore anyway. Is it merely using a foreign dateline, or must it contain a personal barb aimed at anoth specific player? If I were a pubber I would allow press no holds barred. So few players write decent press as it is, it would be a shame to risk losing a truly funny release because players are voting to ban Black Press not really knowing (or caring) what it is.

Last year the officers of the ASUW (Associated Students of the University of Washington) voted to allocate \$5,000 to the Organization of Arab Students; the purpose of this money was to recruit Arab farmworkers from California to attend school at the TW. (Double exclam!!) The president of the OAS was quoted in local newspapers as stating that there were 125,000 Arab farmworkers in the state of California alone! After much debate the allocation was rescinded when it was discovered that the ASUW by-laws would require a similar expenditure to recruit Jewish autoworkers from Michigan.

Out of room; keep up the good work.

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STEVE HUESTON So you did publish my letters; that wasn't very sporting, especially that bit about the weather. Actually the weather is just about like any other place. If you come here from elsewhere, the wet will kill you. Or if you go from here to anywhere else except various rain forests around the world, the weather will kill you. So very few people come here for vacations (I hate tourists), and very few people leave here for vacations elsewhere.

And besides all that, nothing ever happens up here except rain. Talk about your basic dead, this is it. And the drivers are crazy. Most of them read 55 as 65-70, and none of them can drive in rain (strange, huh?) and nobody can handle ice. Our freeways were designed by drunk Swedes, or insurance companies who want more business. Our beloved Governess (Dr Dixy Ray) wants N plants all over the place and wants to flood the last major Bald Eagle Sanctuary south of Alaska, and she's a conservationist.((!)) She also wants supertankers in the Sound where one spill could destroy everything.

But if you can stand it all, it's a great place to live. I wouldn't live anywhere

else. ((1018 S 242 St, Kent, WA 98031))

((Not unless you want the lack of wet to kill you? Seriously, the drivers part and thereafter describes Oklahoma—usually bone—dry—same as there, except that here there are a few people who can drive on ice. Thats because so many Oklahomans are originally from elsewhere. Here 65 is about right; it's the folks doing 45, usually ignorant farmers or cowboys zonked out on 3.2 beer, that cause the real problems. Our interstates are straight, by and large, thanks to the original cows having followed a fairly straight line. Trouble is, they are narrow, often without paved shoulders, usually WITH curbs, and with excuses for ramps that are really no more than angled intersections. In fairness to Okla., I should point out that they are quite OLD: Oklahoma was among, if not THE, first state to lay them in, back in the early 50's. Trouble is, lots are STILL like they were then. Tolls and all. The newer pieces aren't too bad, having been laid out by Texas engineers. Texas has the best roads I've seen, and that's quite a few.))

DAVID SCOTT I received BB VII today. The Back-from-the-Klondike puzzle was originated by Sam Lloyd. The solution is SW, SW, NE, NE, NE, SW, SW, SW, SE (or NW). Of course one can start out by going NE, SW any number of times before tracing the rest of the solution. Sometime ago (5 years?) this puzzle was discussed in Scientific American. (Mathematical games). Someone had written a computer program to look for other solutions. Surprisingly, they found a whole raft of them.

Investigation showed that all the other paths went through one particular square. Iforgot which square it was, so I spent half an hour finding it again. So here is a new puzzle: Find the bad square and say what the digit should be to make the solution given

above the only one. There is only one digit that works.

If you want a write up of how to solve this new puzzle, you'll have to send me another copy of the map. I marked mine too unclearly to use. ((1027 Ninth St, #51, Albany, CA 94710))

((Wow! I would never have guessed that something I used just to fill up a page would be such a project! I do know from trying myself that it's almost impossible to get out of the darn thing, even working backwards. There's a lot more to that thing than meets the eye, that's for sure. Did anyone else out there try it or come up with anything? Copies are on the way, should you care to do up anything further. I'll be glad to run whatever you send in on it.))

((Speaking of puzzles/for a vey small space left on this page/how many out there saw one I sent Don Horton some time back?: Give the next five #s in this sequence: 8,5,4,9,1, and the formula for finding it. The answers are whole integers and the formula is not too difficult. Still, it took six people at Guard drill all afternmon one day trying at it, and we never did get it, although one guy came up with a formula that DID give the first three and came close on #4, an astounding accomplishment campared to what the answer really is!))

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It may turn out that there are fewer contributions in this issue than I led you to believe in the other notes, for as we come into the last half-week, I find a potload of good interesting letters coming in that I really ought to run. Therefore, some of it may again have to be carried over, and/or a two-page article-letter from Ron Mazurkiewicz and myself (which apparently Don Horton has decided not to run. Darn. I was looking forward to all that sub credit...). Additionally, if you're wondering about the increased use of STAR WARS references, etc., it's because after seeing it in Dallas at the end of February, I've managed to squeeze in two more viewings here in OKC. I was VERY impressed by the simple beauty of it, a relaxing and refreshing change from the usual torrent of garbage to be seen. It's nice to see good-guys vs bad-guys, straight-out stories instead of perversion and violence...no subtle women/minorities put into tokenish "power" spaces; no social messages. When is the last time a movie in America showed death in combat as an honorable, and even quietly glorious, sacrafice? The early Kennedy administration? Hell, I can't recall any. The last movie I wanted to see over was SINK THE BISMARK, a big movie back when lots of this hobby was looking forward to starting schoot! I'm thinking of writing it up right sometime, maybe some comments on Dallas too, but like a lot of things, "someday".... One thing I did enjoy the third time out was finding the answers to some odds and ends I hadn't caught the first time or two through. What was the name of the other character, the pilot who is also awarded at the end? (Solo) Who were the little monk-people in the brown robes with shining eyes? (Jawas) And, only on the third viewing did I notice that Vadar's ship, in the last battle sequence, was CLIPPED by the other Century shipearlier I'd thought he was sent careening out of the trench due to Solo's fire. In fact, though, Solo shot down the right (on the screen) ship, the left one careened wildly as a result, and "knocked" Vadar's ship for a loop before it in turn crashed into the trench wall. Check it out and see.

One bright spot you may (& should) have noticed of late is that after our last visit by the xerox man, the machine is printing copies that come out darker than the original was. I'm hurrying to take advantage of it while it lasts. Unfortunately, this is an exception rather than the rule.

PHONE CALLS: Not very long ago at all, I modified my modified-no-calls to a simple and flat no-calls policy. However, with Bill Shaffer in KS now, and he and I often BSing on the phone in any case, it may be that this accentuates his time advantage despite my efforts . to keep all as even as possible. (On the other hand, knowing Fluff, I really doubt that he's using it. The only letters I ever recall getting from him while in the USAF were one with moves in them for our Eastern Front variant). myself and allow calls, although if I do, I of course make no assurances of being here to take them. And, if you call just after I've walked the little one to sleep after 40 minutes' work, you're getting a dial tone for your efforts in any case, I can tell you that right now! I hate to change around like this, but it is in the interests of fairness, first; and second, it seems unavoidable sometimes. Look at the reply to Mark Berch's letter in #7 compared to the top note on this page, for instance. And, at this writing, I still have two letters to rnn and 5 mail deliveries to go before cutoff, all after saying I wouldn't burden BB with too many letters! All I can do is hope you like them the way our newest subscriber, W.C. Newell, Jr, does in his letter reprinted in this issue.

And lastly (for now), a note on game three. It was only after a few days of drawing names, etc., that I noticed that we had two players in California and two in Michigan. It was just chance, as I made no adjustments, and at least from the ZIP codes, appear to be at least a bit removed from each other. No obvious pairings from the other games, either. Spring 1901 due next Monday will have a mailing list included. similiar to the one. in last issue's BB. Since Eric can be expected to move in a few weeks or months, use those up while they're still good. My thanks to Eric for volunteering for Italy. I always hate handing it out to a procevolunteer.

^{*}And I LIKE Clint Eastwood type movies to boot! **I was in gradeschool myself, as I recall.

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FIRST LAW —— In any field of scientific endeavor, anything that can go wrong will go wrong.

Corollary One — Everything goes wrong at one time.

Corollary Two ---- If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will go wrong

is the one that will do the most damage.

Corollary Three — Left to themselves, things always go from bad to worse.

Corollary Four — Experiments must be reproducible; they should fail in the same way.

Corollary Five — Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.

Corollary Six — If everything seems to be going well, you have overlooked something.

SECOND LAW - It is usually impractical to worry beforehand about interference; if you have none, someone will supply some for you.

Corollary One --- Information necessitating a change in design will be conveyed to the designer after, and only after, the plans are complete.

Corollary Two - In simple cases, presenting one obvious right way versus one obvious wrong way, it is often wiser to choose the wrong way so as to expedite subsequent revisions.

Corollary Three —— The more innocuous a modification appears to be, the further its influence will extend, and the more plans will have to be redrawn.

THIRD LAW - In any collection of data, the figures that are obviously correct, beyond all need of checking, contain the errors.

Corollary One - No one whom you ask for help will see the errors.

Corollary Two - Any nagging intruder who stops by with unsought advice will spot it immediately.

FOURTH LAW - If in any problem, you find yourself doing a transfinite amount of work, the answer can be obtained by inspection.

TO ASSIST IN THE RESEARCH SUGGESTEP, THE FOLLOWING RULES HAVE FORMULATED FOR THE I'SE OF THOSE NEW TO THIS FIELD.

RULES OF EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

- 1. Build no mechanism simply if a way can be found to make it complex and wonderful.
- 2. A record of data is useful: it indicates that you have been busy.
- 3. To study a subject, first understand it thoroughly.
- 4. Draw your curves; then plot your data.
- 5. Do not believe in luck; rely on it.
- 6. Always leave room when writing a report to add an explanation if it deesn't work. (Rule of the way out).
- 7. Use the moet recent developments in the field of interpretation of experimental data.
 - a. Items such as Finagle's Constant and the more subtle Bougeurre Factor (pronounced "Bugger") are loosely grouped, in mathematics, under constant variables, or if you prefer, variable constants.
 - b. Finagle's Constant, a multiplier of the zero order term, may be characterized as changing the universe to fit the equation.
 - c. The Bougerrre Factor is chatacterized as changing the equation to fit the universe. It is also known as the "Soothing" Factor, mathematically similar to the damping factor. It has the characteristic of dropping the subject under discussion to zero importance.
 - d.A combination of the two, the Diddle Coefficient, is characterized as changing things so that either the universe and the equation appear to fit without requiring any change in either.

A Neptune Beach, Fla., man thinks the males of the country should have a \$5 million International Men's Year, just as the females had International Women's Year (IWY). And he's suing President Carter and Congress to bring it about.

Paul Dozier claims that not to provide males a commission comparable to the one for the IWY violates the constitutional rights "of all men to have an equal voice in speaking to the Congress about equalitarian matters of national importance." He said the \$5 million for IWY should be considered a political contribution to push feminism.

John F. McLeod

Sensitive to his feminist constituency, President Carter, in proclaiming October 9 a day to honor Leif Ericson, described the Viking explorer as a "courageous Norseperson."

Allen Roth



The Pest Control Division of the California State Department of Food and Agriculture is prosecuting 13-year-old Dickie Cessna for refusing to reveal his secret formula for killing gophers. Dickie and three sisters (aged 9, 11 and 14), who live in a suburb of San Diego, Calif., kill neighbors' gophers with a homemade brew and charge \$1 per gopher for pocket money. Dickie won't reveal the formula for fear competitors would copy it.

The state has charged the four children with failure to register the gophercide and operating without an exterminator's license (which no one under 18 years may obtain). The two violations are punishable by a year in jail.

Says California's maverick Senator S. I. Hayakawa about the Senate committee assignment procedure: "At first, putting me on the Budget Committee when I don't understand money at all seemed appallingly irresponsible. I have the greatest difficulty balancing my own checkbook." But a year later Hayakawa had decided it wasn't madness after all: "You don't even have to know subtraction. It's just a matter of adding on more billions or hundreds of millions."

Eva DePonceau of Englewood, N.J., has filed a sex discrimination complaint against Bloomingdale's because it charged her \$12.50 to shorten the sleeves on a blazer while offering men the same service "free." If there is reason for complaint here, surely it should come from the man with perfect arms who takes his blazer off the rack unaltered. Has he not paid \$12.50 more than the rest of us misfits?

Regulatory commissions, tax laws and regulations, non-discrimination laws and regulations, licensing requirements: Each of these, even the worst, is trivial in comparison with the size and vigor of the American economy. But so are bacteria trivial in comparison with the size of an elephant that they can kill—not by butchering it, but by impairing one after another of the organs whose functions are essential to its life and health.

W. Allen Wallis, Chancellor University of Rochester

The majority most certainly does not prevail in the United States:

Seventy-six percent of the American people do not want to give away the Panama Canal—but the government does.

Seventy-seven percent of Americans of all ages think public school children should be allowed to pray in school—but they can't.

Seat belts, 55 mile-an-hour speed limits and foreign aid—put to a vote by public opinion pollsters—are always voted down.

The majority of the American people do not want pornographic movies, do not want the metric system and certainly do not want members of Congress voting

generous pay raises for themselves.

Yet our federal government continues to do as it wants.

Paul Harvey



There's nothing so permanent as a temporary job in Washington.

When Bill Stanton of Chicago asked local authorities for help in removing a skunk that had moved into his garage (and reacted predictably when the doorbell rang or the family dogs barked), the police turned him down. So did the Lincoln Park Zoo, a local private zoo, local pet shops, Animal Welfare, the dog catcher, the county Wildlife Department and the state Department of Conservation.

So Mr. Stanton bought a trap and caught the skunk. That, said the Department of Conservation, was illegal—illegal to bring the trap into Chicago, illegal to use it in Chicago, and illegal to use it without a license in Chicago. Furthermore, it was illegal to keep the creature because it might be rabid, it was illegal to let it go because it might be rabid, and it was illegal to kill it.

Still, no one would take the skunk off Mr. Stanton's hands. "It made me feel like the skunk had more rights than I did," he said.

Dan M. Jacobson

from LP+NS.#11

BLACK HOLE Doug Reif, 67 Grosvenor Rd, Kenmore, NY 14223. Doug is still at it despite a heavy grad school load. BH is now down to one sheet, and arrived about $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks late. He's trying, and has a good excuse, but it's a shame to see BH sinking.

AVAION HILL GENERAL 4517 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21214. The latest GENERAL really surprised me by having lots of good stuff in it. Half the time, only the PHILOSOPHY column, letters, and ads are worth checking. The latest issue has an excellent introductor article on small unit training/tactics historically, which they use to warm you up for a following article on their SQUAD LEADER which I skipped altogether. Also included in the issue was a good article on MIDWAY, an old favorite of mine. The printing and color remain excellent.

AIR FORCE Air Force Assn, \$10 a year or so, don't have their address here just now. AF, like the AUSA's 'ARMY', is to it's respective service what the GENERAL or S&T-is to their respective wargame camps. Both, but especially AIR FORCE, are oriented toward presenting the current officer force of their service with a strategic view of current military environment. In this respect, the magazine is an excellent current-events-&trends source. I'm sure it's avidly read at the Soviet embassy. Remind me to print their address. Highly recommended. (AF, not the Soviet Embassy)

LIES, DECEIT, & NEFARIOUS SCHEMES Jerry Jones, 1854 Wagner St, Pasadena, CA 91107. The latest issue came with a note saying that the IDA had tried three times to send me a ballot, but the USPS had returned it. Well, I would have basically voted for the winners anyhow, what the heck. Jerry once again put out a very amusing issue, surprisingly good in that fully half of it, (the non-game part), would be of interest to someone like me who has nothing to do at all with the games. Jerry runs LD&NS the way I wish even a third of the hobby's zines were done, but, no such luck. I hope his assuming the duties involved in churning out DIP REVUE don't cause a cutback in the product he's turning out now. The news items below are straight off his page one. Highly recommended.

What's Happening:

The biggest news that has hit my desk in the last three weeks was the announcement that Fred Davis' zine Bushwacker was about to disband after six yrs. of publication. Fred said that he would be publishing four more issues and that after that only would he be xeroxing the games to the players. Fred, we'll be sorry to see Bushwacker go, but all things must end and its better to end on a glad note than wait until it becomes a bore.

STOP THE PRESSES (Speaking of stopped presses, has anyone seen <u>Diplomacy</u> World?)

I have just been informed that DipCon has been delayed one week. Russel Fox told me that the entire convention (GLASC) has been delayed one week so along with it will the Diplomacy Convetion be delayed. So change your calenders to show that DipCom XI will be June 30, Manual July 1st. and 2d. As a special note the pre-registration of DipCon XI will be \$2.00 \$3.50 fee for entry at the door.

More on DipCon XI as it comes available.

This corner is hard to fill, so how about some simple gun-rut stuff?

MAKE COMMIES HAPPY GIVE UP YOUR GUNS

CONFISCATE CITIZENS GUNS MAKE IT SAFE FOR ROBBERS KILL THE SECOND AMENDMENT FIRST KILL THE FIRST AMENOMENT SECONO

GIVE CRIME A BOOST SUPPORT GUN CONTROL



"This looks like a pretty fundamental course!"

SUMMER has at longlast appeared in Oklahoma City, only some seven weeks late. With one day to go to deadline (and three sets of orders still lacking!), we are in our third day of 70 degree days, fully heralded by the first appearance of flies(Killed a BIG one in the bathroom this morning) and budding dandelions. True to last year, the latter may be turning to their first seeding by our fall deadline; remind me to let you know. Lots of people using this weekend for rototilling their gardens and such. I should do lots of outdoorsy stuff too, but I have an issue to produce tomorrow or Tuesday, a two year old boy to clean up (over and over), mail to answer, and whatnot. Last night I snuck in my fourth and probable final viewing of STAR WARS. That, Canadian Club, and the sight of my little boy asleep, are the few things that make it all worthwhile. Oh, another fine relaxing moment is getting back to this desk at home after dumping 30-35 just-collated issues of this thing into the mailbox! This time I got there late, having missed the written introductory part of Star Wars, but took it from there. This time, no surprises, just fun viewing. In another write-up somewhere in this issue, I mentioned finding out Solo's name; this viewing, I noticed that when Luke was preparing to board his fighter for the last battle, he seemed to be referring to Solo as "Han" or something close to that, when expressing his disappointment in him to Princess Leia. Perhaps that's his first name? Anyone out there really into this stuff (TW? RBL? Anyone?) who knows, or thinks they might know, is invited to let me know. I really am curoius as to such things.

Trekkers out there? (Or Speaking of SF stuff, are there any even Trekkies?) The latest issue of BATTLE FLAG contained a full story about a ST episode that was written but never filmed, wherein Kirk & Co. meet none other than Adolf Hitler himself! (This story was passed over in preference to the 'Nazi' one they did make). Personally, I didn't care for any of those Nazi/Romans/gangster stories, as to me they represented a sign of acute desperation for plot material, but it was cute to imagine how they would have handled the more outrageous portions of this one. Write Battle Flag for a free sample at 1832 Highland Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006. (Ask for issue four). While I'm on SF stuff, one more quick question to the general readership: the film in use here in OKC of Star Wars seems to have a break at the point the Millenium Faulk is coming into the rubble of the planet Alderon. The text seems particularly broken where the gang realizes the planet has been blown up. Is that true elsewhere? If so, it may be the spot where the reels are changed; if not, just poor splice work on this local set. (Only one theater here still showing it). There seems to be at least a couple of sentences missing from the dialogue.

Some last minute stuff: Address for Air Force Ass'n, publishers of AIR FORCE magazine mentioned on the reverse, is Suite 400, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006. Posted sub rate is \$13 per year, but probably less on their reply card rate in each issue. If interested, let me know and I'll send you one. ARMY has arrived this past weekend, along with a lot of other overdue zines, like Pi Delta Tau, Warmonger, and Podunk News. Oh, Jerry Jones got me a copy of the latest DR as well. Commentary on them, if any, will have to wait or a later issue of this.